IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE BILAL NAZKI
and
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.10997 of 2007

Between:

M/S.Orient Longman Private Limited,
Himayathnagar, Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1.The Commercial Tax Officer,
Narayanaguda Circle, Hyderabad, and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

The Hon'ble Sri Justice Bilal Nazki
and
The Hon'ble Sri Justice S.Ananda Reddy

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Order: *(per the Hon'ble Sri Justice Bilal Nazki)*

Heard the learned Counsel for the parties and with their consent, the Writ Petition is disposed of at the stage of admission.

The controversy is that pending an appeal, application for stay was dismissed by the competent authority. We have gone through the record. We feel that the interest of justice would have been met if stay was granted pending appeal, subject to deposit of half of the liability. Therefore,

we set aside the order of the authority and direct that half of the disputed tax liability shall be paid by the petitioner within a period of six weeks. For six weeks, there shall be an unconditional stay and the stay shall continue till disposal of the appeal, provided the amount is deposited within six weeks. The deposit of amount shall be without prejudice to the rights of the petitioner in the appeal. The amount, if any, already deposited by the petitioner shall be given credit to.

The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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(Bilal Nazki, J)

5th June, 2007

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(S.Ananda Reddy, J)

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